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SUBJECT: FRG FONOFF REACTION TO BRANDT'S US VISIT

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1. IN RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH US, FRG FONOFF REPS WHO ACCOMPANIED BRANDT ON HIS TRIP TO US HAVE TOLD US THAT THE VISIT WAS " MOST SUCCESSFUL". ONE FONOFF REP READ US PARTS OF THE FONOFF REPORT ON THE VISIT, AND ITS TONE WAS UNIFORMLY POSITIVE. ONE CONTACT TOLD US THAT THE MOOD ON THE CHANCELLOR'S AIRCRAFT ON THE RETURN TRIP TO THE FRG WAS ONE OF " EXHILARATION".

2. THE FONOFF REPORT WAS OPTIMISTIC ON THE UNDERSTANDING US ATTITUDE TOWARD FRG AND EUROPEAN CONCERNS OVER THE KISSINGER SPEECH AND THE UPCOMING TRADE/ MONETARY NEGOTIATIONS. IT NOTED THAT MANY OF THE FRG LEADERSHIP'S QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF US- EUROPEAN RELATIONS HAD BEEN ANSWERED IN A MOST POSITIVE FASHION BY THE US SIDE.

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3. THE REPORT ESPECIALLY WELCOMED THE EVIDENT US WILLINGNESS TO MEET CERTAIN FRG DESIRES, SUCH AS DROPPING THE SPECIFIC NOMENCLATURE OF A NEW " ATLANTIC CHARTER", POSTPONING THE DRAWING UP OF THE DOCUMENT AND, MOST OF ALL, THE PRESIDENT' S AGREEING TO MEET WITH THE EC (IN WHATEVER FORUM) DURING HIS VISIT TO EUROPE. THE REPORT ALSO NOTED THAT, IN PREPARING THE FINAL DECLARATION ON THE VISIT, THE FRG SIDE HAD BEEN PLEASED TO FIND THAT ITS DRAFT LANGUAGE ON THE EUROPEAN- RELATED ISSUES HAD BEEN VERY CLOSE TO WHAT THE US HAD IN MIND. IT CONCEDED THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME DIFFICULTIES IN WORKING OUT THE MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA SECTIONS OF THE DECLARATION, BUT OUR SOURCE COMMENTED THAT THESE WERE CLEARLY OF FAR LESS INTEREST TO THE FRG LEADERSHIP THAN THE VERY POSITIVE STATEMENTS ON EUROPE. HE NOTED IN THIS RESPECT THAT THERE WAS CLOSE IDENTITY OF VIEWS ON MOST CURRENT EAST- WEST NEGOTIATIONS.

4. FONOFF' S AMERICAN DESK OFFICER SAID, IN CONFIDENCE, THAT THE VISIT HAD GONE OFF SO WELL THAT IT HAD ALSO TURNED OUT TO BE A DOMESTIC POLITICAL SUCCESS. HE NOTED THAT THE PRESS HAD BEEN, ALMOST WITHOUT EXCEPTION, LAUDATORY OF BRANDT' S ROLE IN THE VISIT AND THAT THE OPPOSITION HAD FOUND NOTHING ON WHICH TO BASE ANY CRITICISM OF THE CHANCELLOR.

5. COMMENT: THESE INITIAL REACTIONS FROM OUR FONOFF SOURCES TEND TO CONFIRM OUR IMPRESSIONS BASED ON THE GERMAN MEDIA COVERAGE (REFTEL), I. E. THAT THE FRG LEADERSHIP REGARDED THE BRANDT VISIT TO THE US AS SUCCESSFUL AND HIGHLY USEFUL, MOST OF ALL TO ESTABLISH THE CLOSENESS OF OUR RESPECTIVE VIEWS ON SIGNIFICANT MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE. ADDITIONALLY, IT SEEMS OBVIOUS THAT THE LEADERSHIP IN BONN HAS INTERPRETED THE VISIT AS AN ENHANCEMENT OF BRANDT' S OWN DOMESTIC POSITION AND OF HIS ROLE AS A LEADING EUROPEAN STATESMAN.
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